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**Case No. 1391/1561**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Robert J. Yatka, et al.

Serial No: 10/712,114

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin

Filed: November 13, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1761

For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
RELEASE OF N-SUBSTITUTED  
DERIVATIVES OF  
ASPARTAME IN CHEWING  
GUM AND GUM PRODUCED  
THEREBY

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated August 19, 2004 for a period of 1 month(s).



Applicant:

12/27/2004 YPOLITE 000001SE 10712114

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120.00 OP

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

is other than small entity

<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five Months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

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- Attached is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$120 for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 12/20/04

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